



FRIDAY EVENING, OCT. 1, 1909.

With the election in New York on Tuesday of Samuel McKim, formerly treasurer of Armour & Co., as vice president of the National City Bank, was taken the first step of what is regarded as a combined movement of the Standard Oil Company and the beef trust to enter the South American, and not only to control the cattle industry of that continent, but also dominate its financial and industrial interests. There seems to be no escape from the clutches of the beef trust except by the road of vegetarianism. The beef trust is after the cattle business of South America by means of the banking business. In fact, it already owns the important packing establishments in Argentina. The Central Leather Company has completed its absorption of the United States Leather Company, and the appearance of the leather trust, which is already affiliated with the beef trust, in the business of making boots and shoes may be looked for presently.

MR. ARCHIBALD H. TAYLOR, a well-known Baltimore attorney, has entered a vigorous protest against the plan of the democratic campaign managers to bring "negro baiters" there from the south to speak in behalf of the suffrage amendment. This amendment is intended to put the control of Maryland affairs wholly in the hands of the white people of the state and it is strange that Mr. Taylor, who is a native of this city, should oppose such a plan. But he is not the only Virginia, who, having denounced Baltimore as his home, has renounced his early training and joined hands with those who oppose the democratic party—the party and true friend of the south.

SENATOR MARTIN, who was in Richmond yesterday, predicted that Virginia would give 30,000 democratic majority at next month's election. He says he has looked into the situation and is confident that the results of the November election will show the correctness of his estimates. The senator is a pretty shrewd politician and generally knows whereof he speaks. Thirty thousand is about the usual democratic majority in Virginia and there is no reason for a falling off this year.

THE cases of two little girls who have lain unconscious in Boston for several days as the result of vaccination have stirred anti-vaccinationists of that city to a vigorous crusade against the system now in force for school children. The two children have lain in a comatose condition, and all efforts to revive them are proving futile. They are being fed artificially. Neither appears to be paralyzed and the cases are beyond the solution of the physicians.

PEACE congresses, arbitration tribunals and disarmament conferences are held periodically with talk of discouraging or preventing war. Notwithstanding all of this, according to the British admiralty's information, the seven greatest maritime nations are speeding on their armament at the present time six hundred and fifteen million dollars. This does not look much like an effort being made to bring about the millennium.

AT the meeting of the National Commandery of Veterans' Union held in Auburn, Maine, yesterday, a resolution was adopted condemning the proposed placing of a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall at Washington and the erecting of a statue to Captain Wirz, the commandant at Andersonville prison during the civil war. And still periodically the intelligence comes from the north that the war is over!

THE success of the Spanish troops on the Riff littoral, which now seems to be pretty complete, may be particularly welcome at this time to King Alfonso and his ministers. The campaign was not undertaken for the sake of its influence on home affairs, but their can be little doubt that it will exert such an influence considerable in extent and favorable in character.

ACCORDING to the annual report of Col. W. O. Haskell, sealer of weights and measures, which was submitted yesterday to the commissioners, a loss of \$42,000 annually is sustained by consumers of flour in the District of Columbia by reason of short weight. There seems to be no end of cheating and defrauding.

THIS is the time for summer resort fires, now that the season is over.

From Washington.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
Washington, Oct. 1.

The government's two chief conservationists are back here today mapping out their plans for the forthcoming session of Congress. Chief Forester Pinchot with his first preservation ideas and Chief Engineer Newell, of the reclamation service, full of hopes for action by Congress on that \$10,000,000 bond

issue for government irrigation projects set going by President Taft in his recent speech.

On the charge of using the mails to defraud, Henry M. Lewis, secretary-treasurer of the National Trust Company, was today held for the action of the grand jury by the U. S. Commissioner. Later he was released in \$3,500 bonds. It is charged by the government that the concern had been collecting commissions for the guaranteeing of corporation bonds and then failing to carry out its promise.

The board of managers of the National Geographic Society does not propose to recognize either Cook or Peary as the discoverer of the North Pole until one, or both, produces proof. At a meeting held today at Hubbard Memorial Hall, a resolution to the effect was adopted as an introduction to the report of Messrs. Cook and Peary, to be printed in the magazine of the society. The report, sets forth that before the society can accept the conclusions of either Commander Peary or Dr. Cook, that the North Pole has been attained, it will be necessary that the scientific records and data of each explorer be carefully examined by its committee on research or by some body or commission acceptable to the board. In order that the society may remain entirely neutral in the pole controversy, Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the organization, today declined an invitation to introduce Dr. Cook on the occasion of his lecture in this city Sunday night.

In view of the fact that the United States has served notice upon the French government that the commercial agreement between the two countries will terminate October 31, the French embassy, through the State Department, has made inquiry as to whether the new rates or the old rates of tariff will apply on goods actually invoiced or shipped from France on dates which would not permit their entry into this country until some time in November. In response the Treasury Department has rendered a decision to the effect that the new and higher rates will be assessed against all French goods which are not actually imported and duty paid upon them prior to the close of business on Oct. 30. It happens that the 31st falls on Sunday and the custom house employees have a half holiday on Saturdays. So importers of French wines, etc., who desire to take advantage of the low rates afforded by the trade agreement which will terminate at the end of next month will have to get their goods landed here before noon of Oct. 30. It means quite a difference, too, for French champagnes, which can now be brought in on payment of a duty of \$6 per dozen quarts will have to pay \$9.60 after the date mentioned.

Treasury officials are well pleased with the returns from the new tariff law and they say, judging from its operation up to date, that it will prove to be a satisfactory revenue raiser. For the month of September, just closed, the customs receipts reached the total of \$27,000,000, in round figures, as compared with \$25,000,000 for the same month of last year. This means over a million dollars a day, taking out Sundays. Since the beginning of the present fiscal year, July 1, the receipts from customs have reached a total of \$85,500,000 which is twenty millions more than they were for the same period of last year.

A successful operation for appendicitis was performed upon Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson today at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, according to a message received at the department.

Gen. Edwards received today the first of the 150,000 Philippine cigars to be admitted free of duty under the new tariff law. It is 40 inches long, ten inches in circumference and weighs nine pounds. The perplexing question in the bureau of insular affairs, of which Gen. Edwards is chief, is who is going to smoke it. The cigar was presented by a Manila cigar company.

Forty applications for the organization of new national banks were received during the month of September. Of these, 33 were approved and the remainder rejected. In the same month twenty-four banks, with a total capital of \$2,025,000, were authorized to begin business. Fourteen of these were small banks with a capital of less than \$500,000 each.

ROANOKE GOES WET.
Roanoke yesterday, in a local option election, voted, by a majority of 69, to retain the licensed saloon. The liquor men carried three out of four wards and got a majority in all precincts but two. The total vote cast was 3,219, of which liquor got 1,644.

At a local option election December 30 of last year the total vote was 2,184, and the "drys" got a majority of 86. That election was thrown out by Judge Staples, after a contest.

The campaign conducted by the anti-saloonists was very lively, including many public speaking, free use of the newspapers, a big torchlight procession &c. On the other hand, the liquor men conducted a gumshoe campaign. The Virginia Brewing Company issued a letter, which was mailed to the voters, asking that the saloon be retained, claiming that should the city go dry it would mean the confiscation of that large plant.

The election for and against license in Rocky Mount district took place yesterday. There was a large vote. Rocky Mount, seat of Franklin county, with nearly 1,000 population, has only one licensed saloon which pays a corporation tax of \$4,000 annually. The liquor men won by three votes. The campaign was hotly contested.

Woodstock is voting today whether to permit liquor traffic or out the saloons. The local optionists have waged a vigorous campaign.

Yacht Explodes and Sinks.
Noank, Conn., Oct. 1.—The auxiliary yacht Senta owned by Captain John A. Fish, of the Columbia Yacht Club of New York, exploded and sank off Orono's Long Point early today. Captain Fish and his crew of four had barely time to lower one of the boats and escape with their lives. The yacht which is estimated to be worth \$35,000 was totally destroyed.

Assaulted and Robbed.
Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—E. H. Wilson, 41 years old, a railroad man of Wheeling, W. Va., was found early today lying senseless on a pavement with a badly lacerated skull and contused face. When he regained consciousness at the Hahnemann Hospital several hours later he told the authorities he had been robbed of several hundred dollars and a gold watch.

News of the Day.

Massachusetts democrats yesterday nominated former State Senator James H. Vahay for governor.

Lewis C. Grover, former president of the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, died in Hartford, Ct., yesterday.

Justice William Jay Gaynor, of the New York State Supreme Court, was last night nominated for mayor of greater New York by the democratic city convention.

By an unexpected corner the price of the September delivery of wheat on the Chicago Board of Trade was advanced yesterday 14 cents; an Eastern operator was said to have engineered the deal and to have recouped former losses.

Individual deposits in the 6977 national banks of the country were \$5,009,893,080 on September 1, according to reports made to the comptroller of the currency under the call for their condition at the close of business on that date.

"Pony" Moore, one of best known sporting men in England, and also well known in the United States, died in London today. His real name was Geo. Washington Moore, and he was the father-in-law of Charley Mitchell, the well-known English pugilist.

The annual death roll of the Alps this year, 1911 killed and 217 injured, has aroused widespread public opinion throughout Switzerland, and the strongest pressure possible is being brought to bear in favor of the enactment of strict government regulations to control mountain climbing.

A policeman and a city hall guide were badly beaten, shots fired and the lives of passersby endangered in a hold-up at Thirteenth and Market streets, Philadelphia, yesterday. Two of the band of five highwaymen escaped, one in a cab, and with them went a diamond earring and \$40, the property of the victim of the hold-up. The other three footpads escaped.

River View Park, on the Patuxent river, east of Canton, Md., was swept by fire yesterday afternoon, which destroyed about half of the buildings and amusements on the grounds. Although many of the most valuable buildings and amusement devices were saved, the park is badly wrecked. The fire was of a mysterious origin. The loss will reach \$90,000. That there was no loss of human life was due to the fact that the park had been closed since last Sunday night and the few people who were on the grounds beside the employees were given ample time to escape.

Virginia News.

The third annual convention of the Virginia State Dairyman's Association met at Leesburg today.

Mrs. Belle Benedum, wife of William A. Benedum, died after a long illness at her home in Hamilton yesterday, in the fifty-ninth year of her age. She was a Miss Tavenner.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Emerson R. Parks, and Alice D. Grigsby, both of King George county, and Lewis Bradford, and Ella Crosby, both of Manassas.

A coroner's jury in Richmond yesterday exonerated Miss Mary L. Walker from all blame in the death of Mrs. Mary G. Garbriht, who was run down by an automobile operated by Miss Walker.

The new Southern Methodist Church located at Woodbridge, Prince William county, known as the Metzger Memorial, will be dedicated October 10th. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m., by Rev. F. J. Prettyman D. D., presiding elder of the Washington district.

Amos Payne, of Middleburg, has sold his valuable farm, known as "The Avon," containing over 500 acres, to Mr. Bangs, of New York, for the sum of \$26,000. This land is situated in Loudoun and Fauquier counties and has some of the best blue grass in this portion of Virginia.

Mr. Gay A. Somers died on Sunday at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the age of 67 years. He was born in Fairfax county and went to Brooklyn forty-seven years ago where, becoming interested in the manufacture of cans, he helped to organize the American Can Company of Brooklyn.

Rev. H. B. Lee, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Charlottesville, has been given a sixty-day option on Rowlings Institute, in which time it is expected that Mr. Lee will get such co-operation from the business men of Charlottesville as will enable him to continue this school for girls. Mr. Lee hopes to raise in stock subscriptions, \$25,000 to pay off the debts of the institute and thoroughly equip it with the most modern conveniences. The school will be under the control of the Episcopal diocese of Virginia, but non-sectarian.

MR. BRYAN EXPLAINS.

In explanation of his position on the proposed debate with Senator Blair of Texas, at Atlanta, Ga., W. J. Bryan yesterday addressed a letter to Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution. The letter follows:

"I wired you last night that I would communicate with you by letter my reasons for believing a debate inadvisable. When a joint meeting was suggested at El Paso, Tex., I replied to the effect that I was trying to aid in the election to a democratic majority in the next Congress; that to that end I have suggested a brief but specific tariff plank, when I ask democratic candidates to accept, reject, or amend, and that, believing a debate would tend to attract attention from the issue to individualism, I would not consider the proposition unless it came as a personal request. I might add the further reason that a debate between two democrats would accentuate the tariff differences that have embarrassed our party in Congress, and give the republican newspapers a chance to dwell upon democratic dissensions instead of devoting their time to the contest now being waged between the progressive republicans and the standpatters. A debate might be pleasing to the participants and entertaining to the audience, but I think the subject which I am endeavoring to present is worthy of calm and serious consideration."

New York Stock Market.

New York, Oct. 1.—The stock market opened irregular, a number of stocks showing declines, while others advanced. Trading although the first hour was of professional character. The tone in the late forenoon hardened perceptibly.

Today's Telegraphic News

Amateur Aeronaut.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1.—Attempting his debut as an aeronaut in a balloon still radiating the smell of the factory, Henry D. Pruden, 60 years old, of Dayton, is today "bitting it South" on the freak balloon trip of the decade. Pruden heard a week ago that balloons were for sale here. He came here and looking at the illustration with the comment: "I'll take that one," he ordered it inflated at once, and "guessed he'd ride it home."

The manufacturer had some trouble in convincing him it would require two or three days to prepare for the trip. Pruden said he would wait, as he was not in any hurry to get home that day. Last evening with a couple of friends, he cut himself loose. The big bag shot up to a tremendous height and whirled over the city southward. The next heard of it was when it passed over Edinburgh, Ind., and descended within speaking distance.

"How far are we from Dayton?" yelled Pruden. As he signalled, the anchor caught in the high tension wires of the Indianapolis and Louisville Traction Company and snapped them in two. The electrical display that followed must have frightened Pruden for he was dumped ballast and ascended beyond sight.

Meanwhile the entire traction system between here and Louisville was out of commission for three hours. Pruden passed over Louisville at midnight and dumped ballast to keep from hitting the high places. This morning at day-break he sailed south over Greenville, Ky., 110 miles south of Louisville, and came close enough to the ground to say he was having a fine trip. Then he yelled: "How far are we from Dayton?"

When Pruden does get to Dayton he will find a representative of the traction company waiting with a little bill for repairs amounting to about \$10,000, the traction officials said today.

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration.

New York, Oct. 1.—The center of activities in connection with the Hudson-Fulton celebration shifted today up the Hudson river to Newburgh, the big feature being a naval parade of several hundred merchant vessels of every conceivable type which duplicated last Saturday's parade and escorted the Half Moon and the Clermont to the place where Washington once had his headquarters. In line today were a number of the light draft war ships. There were also the six squadrons of steam craft in whose formation were noted every kind of vessel from the ocean liner to the harbor tug.

In Brooklyn this afternoon the historical present, which was the big feature in Manhattan on Tuesday, was repeated. If the wind dies down late today Wilbur Wright and Glenn Curtiss will endeavor to carry out their programme of official flights in their aeroplanes.

Alsace-Lorraine.

Paris, Oct. 1.—All France, particularly the foreign office, is alarmed by the attitude of the German government toward Alsace and Lorraine, where the German garrisons were today increased from 51,000 to 85,000 men. Since 1890 the German army posts in these frontier provinces have been enlarged, and the quota of men increased until the French have come to look upon this new increase as unreasonable and indicative of German apprehension. The Kaiser has seen with misgivings the various little anti-German incidents of the past few years in Alsace-Lorraine. He knows that one of the dearest of French ambitions is the retaking of the lost provinces, and he is taking no chance of losing them.

Another De'ast.

Melilla, Oct. 1.—Two hundred Spanish troops, headed by General Delfo Viciari, were wiped out by the Moors in reconnaissance near Zalvan today. The Spanish were caught in the trap set by the Moors when they abandoned Mount Goguru and retired almost entirely from the peninsula of Melilla.

Paris, Oct. 1.—It is rumored in official circles here that the Moroccan tribesmen are gathering in force at Tazart for a concerted attack on the Spanish troops at Melilla. Large numbers of tribesmen from the interior are reported to be joining the rebels.

Mistake in Bottles Fatal.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 1.—Mistake in furniture polish for some medicine he had been taking, John Flinn, aged 54 years, swallowed a quantity of the fluid at noon yesterday and died one hour later at the Homeopathic Hospital, where he was hurried in an ambulance in the hope of saving his life. Flinn was troubled with cramps and he had some medicine in a bottle just like the one that contained the furniture polish. Without examining the contents of the bottle he picked up the swabbed the bottle.

Children's Home Burned.

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 1.—Fire which started in the cr. closets of the county children's home at Tacoma, Belmont county, totally destroyed the institution today. Fifty-four children were housed in the home and many heroic rescues were made by the nurses. As the last of the inmates fled from the upper floors the stairways burned out and fell. Miss Grace Green, one nurse, returned repeatedly to the second floor where 12 small children were burned and carried everyone to safety.

Unknown Dead Man.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 1.—A well dressed man, in whose pockets were found a bank pass-book on the Security Bank of Los Angeles, Cal., for \$2,000, to the credit of C. Fromm, and a Pacific steamer ticket, died at the Emergency Hospital today. The man was found last night lying unconscious near the Lakeshore Railroad tracks at Buffalo Creek Junction. His skull was fractured and both legs were broken. It is believed he stepped off a moving train.

Death of a Composer.

New York, Oct. 1.—Frederick Busiel Barton, the editor and composer, died today at his summer home at Lake Hopewell, N. J. He was born in Jonesville, Mich., on February 23, 1861. Barton was the author of "Shifting Sands," "Her Wedding Interlude," "The Singer and the Song," and many short essays on the art of music. He was the composer of Hisswaba, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, an Indian Oompah and numerous anthems.

The widow of General Boulenger died at Versailles, yesterday, aged 72.

Accidentally Killed His Sister.

Hoboken, N. J., Oct. 1.—In an endeavor to illustrate to his four year old sister Edna how he would shoot a burglar if he encountered him Charles Hansen, 7 years old, shot the little girl through the heart this morning, while the parents were at breakfast in the dining-room below.

The girl fell across the bed and the horrified parents found the screaming boy standing before the lifeless little body holding the still smoking revolver. The county physician later pronounced it a case of accidental death. This is the third child of a family of four to die within a year.

Killed in a Revolver Duel.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 1.—In a revolver duel with four policemen whom he had threatened to kill if they persisted in serving him with a warrant for arrest, Albert Dumarest, who was recently left a small fortune, received injuries in his room at 52 Watchung Avenue, West Orange, last night, from which he died 2 hours later in Orange Memorial Hospital. He was wanted for shooting a few hours earlier at Adam G. Marshall, who lives in the same house.

Sentenced to Death.

Aberdeen, S. D., Oct. 1.—Emil Victor, convicted of the murder of Mildred Christie, 18 years old, was today sentenced to be hanged November 16 in Aberdeen. Victor was accused also of murdering Mildred Christie's father and mother and Michael Ronay, a guest of the Christie family, but was tried only for the murder of the girl. The motive for the crime was robbery.

Murdered by His Cell-Mate.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—Chapietro Elambrone, of Philadelphia, a prisoner serving an eighteen-months' sentence in the county prison at Holmesburg, was murdered by a cell-mate sometime during last night. His body was found by one of the guards passing along the corridor today.

Two Negroes Killed.

Jackson, Miss., Oct. 1.—Two negroes were shot to death by a mob of white coppers near Sarah, Miss. The victims of the mob were proprietors of a logging camp and their white business rivals objected to their presence in the community. The negroes were warned that they were not wanted.

AN EX-MINISTER'S OPINION.

"I don't believe a minister of the gospel can lead an honest life now," was the startling statement made yesterday by Rev. D. H. Carrick, who has just resigned from the pastorate of the North Lawrence, Kansas, Christian Church and become a street railroad conductor.

"The public never sees behind the scenes of the pastor's home," said Carrick, "for it might realize the trials, griefs, and pains which the pastor and his wife are forced to bear. A minister's wife cannot even make a pretense of dressing ordinarily well, or the people will think they are paying the pastor too much, or that he ought to save part of his salary and give it to missions. He cannot wear patent leather shoes without every person who has contributed the smallest mite toward his salary looking at them as if to say, 'I helped pay for those shoes; there's where our money goes.'"

"No, sir; I don't believe a minister can live a really honest life. If he preaches the truth he will be condemning the lives of most of his congregation and offending them. Instead of preaching their convictions, the ministers of the gospel avoid anything that might tread upon personal grounds for fear of offense. He passes over this and that and lives a life every day of his life, in order to not offend the influential members of his congregation."

"Thank God, I am earning an honest living now and no one can criticize me."

THE APPROACHING COMET.

Frank E. Seagrave, a Providence, R. I., astronomer whose calculations relative to Halley's comet have attracted widespread attention, announced that the correction of a slight error in the calculations of the comet has developed the discovery that on May 19, 1910, the comet will reach the same place as the earth in its orbit. It is thereby determined that the tail of the comet will sweep across this place instead of clearing it. The earth and comet will meet on the same plane, but not in the same path. There will be a distance at the nearest point of 13,000,000 miles between the two. The fan of the comet's tail, according to Seagrave, will spread out for a short period the earth will find itself swept by "star dust" brought from many millions of miles beyond the farthest known comet. "There need be no scare over the approaching event," says Mr. Seagrave. "Nothing will happen. The end of the world will not come. It will be nothing more than we have already passed through on June 30, 1861, when the earth swept through the tail of the comet of '61. The nearest it could ever come to the earth would be 6,235,000 miles."

AUTO PARADE.

An attractive display of decorated automobiles passed down Pennsylvania avenue yesterday afternoon. The parade took less than half an hour to pass the reviewing stand, but it contained a number of automobiles beautifully decorated and evincing rare taste in decoration. A number of the automobiles were decorated with roses, chrysanthemums, dahlias and great masses of golden rod until they were veritable flower gardens. Even more beautiful than the flowers were the pretty girls, whose happy faces gave additional charm to the cars they drove. The first car of the parade was particularly attractive. Among those on the reviewing stand was Mrs. Swanson, wife of the governor of Virginia.

The navy yard employees, with the gun flint received the sweepstakes trophy in the floral parade. The floral decorations on their float cost \$1,000. Three thousand American Beauty roses and 250 fern plants were used.

Cornelius Grimes, a retired merchant of Front Royal, died yesterday after a lingering illness of Bright's disease.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Greatly reduced fares via Southern Railway from principal points in Virginia, including Washington, D. C., for the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Convention, Asheville, N. C., October 5th-7th, 1909, will be on sale October 4th 5th, and 6th, final limit for return not later than midnight of October 8th. A delightful month to visit the "Land of the Sky." Consult agents, L. S. Brown, Gen. Agt., Washington, D. C.

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WANTS REPUBLICAN RECRUITS

Congressman C. Buscom Stemp, of the Ninth district, the lone republican Congressman from Virginia, who is chairman of the state republican committee, has received a letter from President Taft in which the hope is expressed that the young men of the state will turn to the republican party as the party of progress.

The president's letter reads as follows:

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14, 1909.

My Dear Mr. Stemp:

"I have been watching with intense interest the campaign in Virginia with the earnest hope that you are enlisting in behalf of the republican candidates a large number of young and progressive men of the state, who without abating in the slightest degree their pride in the republic and its history, are nevertheless anxious to array themselves on the progressive side in politics, and who believe that by the rehabilitation of the republican party in Virginia and the selection of able and upright men for candidates upon the republican ticket and their election, the political conditions in Virginia may be greatly improved. I shall not return to the east before the election and I write this letter at the present time to express to you my best wishes for a successful result. Sincerely yours, WILLIAM H. TAFT."

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin, who was in Richmond yesterday morning on legal business, predicts that the state will poll 30,000 majority for the democrats.

PRESIDENT FAVORS SHIP

SUBSIDY.